

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

INDIANAPOLIS

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 24, 1977

TO: File - LaPorte City Dump
McClung Road, LaPorte County

THRU: *df 8/26/77*

FROM: Tom Difebbo *JD*

SUBJECT: Geologic Description and Evaluation

EPA Region 5 Records Ctr.



307368

GEOLOGY

SURFICIAL: Soil Types

- (1) One soil boring of 10-foot depth is only available information
- (2) Soil profile
 - (a) 0' to 4': organic, black and dark brown Sandy Silt
 - (b) 4' to 8': light brown, Sandy Silt with clay
 - (c) 8' to 10': dark brown, medium grain Silty Sand with clay and gravel

SUBSURFACE: BEDROCK

Ellsworth Shale

- (a) Green shale overlying black shale
- (b) Upper Devonian Age
- (c) Thickness = 120'

SUBSURFACE: UNCONSOLIDATED

- (1) History: Wisconsin glacial outwash-plain deposits of the Atherton Formation; usually consists of interbedded gravel, sand, and silt.
- (2) Unit 2 soil horizon
 - (a) Sandy Silt with clay and gravel, containing discontinuous sand and gravel lenses.
 - (b) Thin surface layer overlying Unit 3 to the north and northeast of Pine Lake.
- (3) Unit 3 soil horizon
 - (a) Medium to coarse sand with silt, clay, and gravel, containing thick localized deposits of clay and silt
 - (b) Exposed at ground surface, in limited areas between Pine Lake and Fishtrap Lake, as approximately 8 feet of sandy, silty clay overlying coarse sand

GROUNDWATER

WATER TABLE

- (1) Configuration: insufficient information
- (2) Hydraulic Gradient
 - (a) Localized movement of groundwater within upper 8 feet of soil horizon is toward Fishtrap Lake, north from the dump site (note Exhibit 1)
 - (b) Potentiometric surface of Unit 3, a semi-confined aquifer, indicates groundwater flow from the dump site toward a central

area between Pine Lake and Fishtrap Lake (note Exhibit 1), and then toward the northwest and southeast, according to the regional hydraulic gradient

- (c) Potentiometric surface of Unit 3 in the vicinity of dump site has an elevation of 790'.
- (d) Unit 3 is the primary aquifer for LaPorte County, and is recharged in the area of the City of LaPorte -
- (3) Depth: upper surface of Unit 3 is within 20' of ground level

QUALITY

- (1) Sample analysis for local wells, 1957 to 1959: Note Exhibit 2
- (2) No monitoring wells installed on dump site

EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION

SITE SUITABILITY

- (1) Unconsolidated subsurface
 - (a) Regional well and test borings indicate the lack of an extensive layer of impermeable clay in the area of the dump site
 - (b) Medium to coarse sand and gravel aquifer of Unit 3 is susceptible to leachate contamination

Groundwater Quality

- (a) Shallow depth and recharge conditions of Unit 3 in this area are likely to increase the extent of leachate contamination
- (b) No recent water quality data is available

GROUNDWATER MONITORING

- (1) Placement of monitoring wells
 - (a) One pair of wells, placed 15' apart, should be installed on the perimeter of the site, as close as possible to Fishtrap Lake, to depths of 20' and 40'
 - (b) One pair of wells should be installed, as above, as far south as possible
 - (c) One pair of wells should be installed, as above, as far north as possible
 - (d) One pair of wells should be installed, as above, as close to Pine Lake as possible
- (2) Pine Lake and Fishtrap Lake should also be monitored at depth
- (3) All sampling intervals should be four months, during remaining operation of site, and for at least 10 years after closing of site

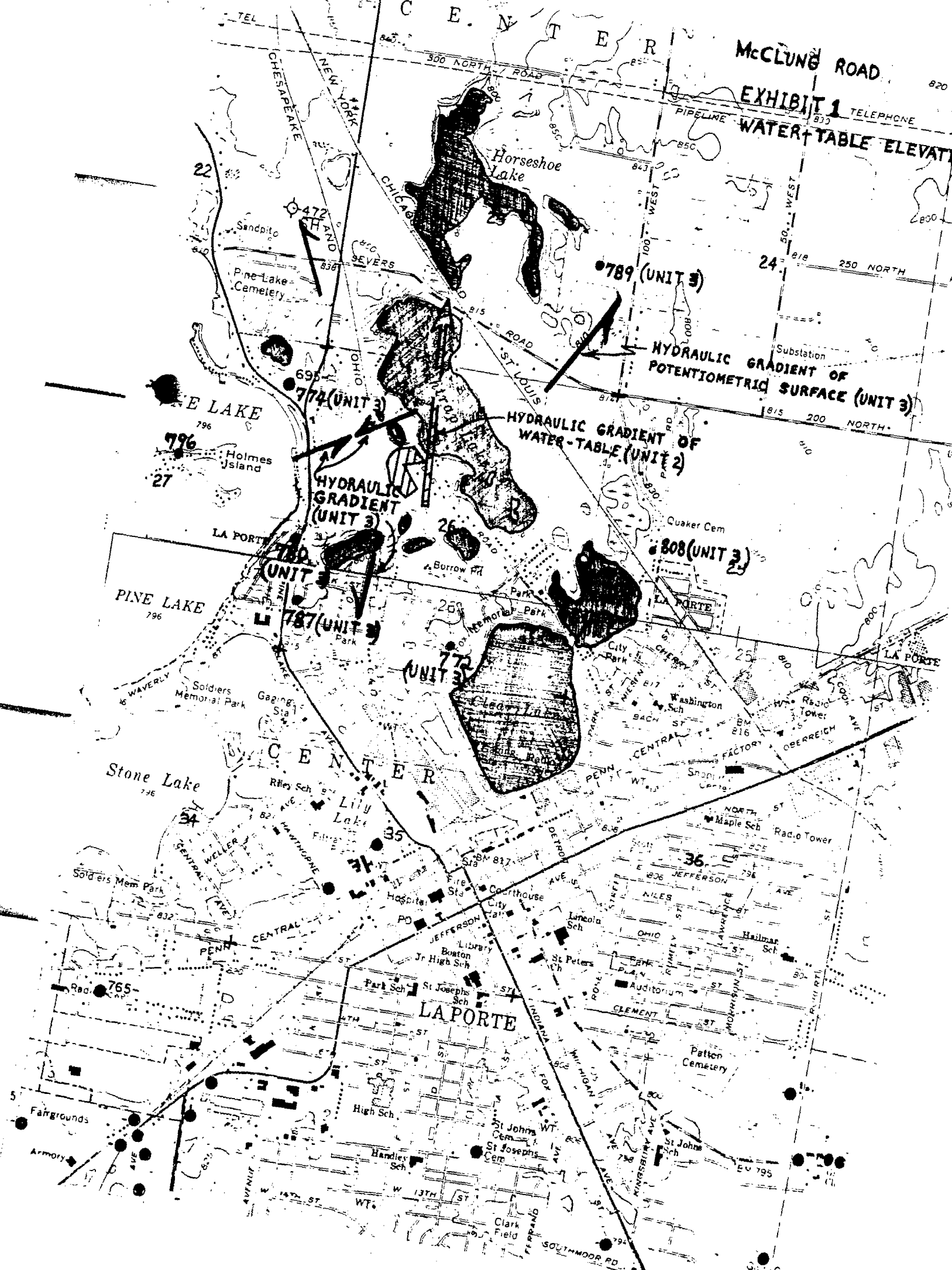
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Exhibit 2

Groundwater Monitoring, 1957-59

<u>Well</u>	Parameters (ppm)					
	<u>Fe</u>	<u>CO₂</u>	<u>HCO₃</u>	<u>SO₄</u>	<u>Cl</u>	<u>CaCO₃</u>
37/3W-22Q1	-	5.	107.	-	20.	124.
37/3W-24P1	0.1	14.	215.	110.	20.	292.
37/3W-26J2	0.3	24.	200.	75.	20.	260.
37/3W-27G2	0.3	24.	156.	10.	4.	136.
37/3W-27M2	-	0.	190.	-	8.	164.

Note: Preliminary Report of Ground-Water Resources of LaPorte County
for well locations



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TEST BORING LOG

Boring No. 1
Sheet 1 of 1
Job No. 75-867

PROJECT LaPorte - Detention Basin Site

City LaPorte County LaPorte State Indiana

Boring Location 25' E of overhead power, R-O-W, 25' N of S fence Datum mean sea level

Date Started 24 November 1975 Date Completed 11-24-75 Surface Elevation 796

Weather cloudy, cold Boring Method power auger GROUND WATER DEPTH

Sampler: Type Casing: Size At Completion Hole caved 7.4 Ft.

Size Length Used With Casing Removed Ft.

Casing Hammer: Wt. Drop After Hours Ft.

Sampler Hammer: Wt. Drop

Soil Layer Limits		Soil Description	Sample Data				Remarks
From	To		No.	From	To	N	
0.0	1.5	TOPSOIL - Black silty topsoil.					
1.5	3.5	ORGANIC SILT - Dark brown sandy organic silt.					Moist.
3.5	8.0	CLAYEY SILT - Light brown sandy clayey silt, trace gravel.					Very moist.
8.0	10.0	SILTY SAND - Dark brown silty clayey medium grain- ed sand, trace gravel.					Wet.
							End of boring: 10.0 feet

NOTES:

N indicates the number of blows required to advance a 2" OD split barrel sampler at 6" intervals by means of a 140 lb. weight falling 30"